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SUBJ: MEETING WITH ADVISER TO AMIR

1. DURING BRIEF CALL NOV 1 ON SHAIKH ABDULLA AL-JABER AL-SABAH, SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE AMIR, AT HIS DIWAN, I NOTED THAT USG CONSIDERED OUTCOME OF RIYADH AND CAIRO SUMMIT MEETINGS TO BE POSITIVE DEVELOPEMENT. HE AGREED WITH THIS ASSESSMENT AND HOPED THAT DEVELOPMENTS WOULD PROCEED SUCCESSFULLY ALONG LINES DECIDED AT RIYADH AND CAIRO.

2. SHAIKH ABDULLA, WHO ACCOMPANIED AMIR TO BOTH RIYADH AND CAIRO MEETINGS, SAID HE WAS STRUCK AT BY HIGH REGARD IN WHICH U.S. WAS HELD BY SAUDI KING AND MINISTERS AND BY THE CONFIDENCE AND TRUST THEY HAD IN USG. HE URGED THAT USG DO ALL IT COULD TO MAINTAIN THIS CLOSE RELATIONSHIP SINCE SAUDI INFLUENCE WAS CONSIDERABLE AND INCREASING IN ARAB WORLD.

3. SHAIKH ABDULLA ALSO COMMENTED FAVOURABLY AT CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE DEVELOPED WITH SADAT AND FAHMY AND GENEROUS ASSISTANCE THAT US HAS PROVIDED EGYPT. HE REMARKED THAT, AS RESULT OF THESE TIES, EGYPT PRACTICALLY ELIMINATED THE ONCE CLOSE
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RELATIONSHIP WHICH NASSER HAD ESTABLISHED WITH THE SOVIET UNION. HE HAD UNDERSTOOD IN CAIRO THAT THE SOVIETS WERE PRESSING

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TO RESTORE THIS RELATIONSHIP, BUT NOTED THAT FORTHCOMING FAHMY MEETING WITH GROMYKO WAS TO BE HELD IN BULGARIA BECAUSE FORMER DID NOT WANT TO GO TO SOVIET CAPITAL IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION OF EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP, SHAIKH ABDULLA ALSO SAID THAT EGYPT PLANS TO RETURN "NAVAL EQUIPMENT" WHICH IT HAD RECEIVED FROM SOVIET UNION AND TO REPLACE IT WITH BRITISH NAVAL MATERIAL.

4. I ASSURED HIM THAT THE U.S. VALUED ITS LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND THAT WE INTENDED, FOR OUR PART, TO CONTINUE IT. WE WERE ALSO PLEASED WITH THE DEVEL-OPMENT OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH EGYPT AND ITS LEADERS AND HOPED TO PROMOTE IT FURTHER. I ADDED THAT IT WAS MY HOPE THAT, DURING MY TOUR, THAT WE WOULD SEE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EVEN CLOSER AND BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN MY GOVERMENT AND KUWAIT. USG CONSIDERED THE GOK'S ACTIONS, IN COOPERATION WITH SAUDI ARABIA, ON THE LEBANESE CRISIS AND ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN CONTROBERSY TO HAVE BEEN BOTH RESPONSIBLE AND EFFECTIVE.

5. AS OUR MEETING CONCLUDED, SHAIKH ABDULLA INVITED ME TO CONTACT HIM AT ANY TIME WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AS IS THE USUAL PRACTICE HERE.
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